2014 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey

USTDA Results

Based on the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) comparative results of the 2014 Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey (FEVS), the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is once again a top performer among small and independent agencies. USTDA results, aggregated by indices, were significantly more positive than other comparable agencies in all categories, as summarized below:

	USTDA	All Small Agencies
• Employee Engagement Index - Percent Positive	89%	65%
 Leaders Lead - Percent Positive 	87%	52%
 Supervisors - Percent Positive 	91%	74%
• Intrinsic Work Experience - Percent Positive	89%	69%
 Global Satisfaction Index - Percent Positive 	84%	59%

The overall USTDA response rate to the 2014 FEVS increased to 85%, nearly double the government-wide rate of 46%. Notably, 76% of the non-work/life specific questions showed an increase in positive responses from 2013 to 2014. Six questions received 100% positive scores - #7 - "When needed I am willing to put in the extra effort to get a job done," #8 - "I am constantly looking for ways to do my job better," #12 - "I know how my work relates to the agency's goals and priorities," # 28 - "How would you rate the overall quality of work done by your work unit," #38 - "Prohibited Personnel Practices are not tolerated," and #39 - "My agency is successful at accomplishing its mission."

More than 15 questions registered double-digit increases in positive responses. Significantly, these improvements were noted in key questions dealing with employee recognition, personal empowerment, leadership and diversity, including #11 - "My talents are used well in the workplace," #24 – "In my work unit, differences in performance are recognized in a meaningful way," #25 - "Awards in my work unit depend on how well employees perform their jobs," #33 - "Pay raises depend on how well employees perform their jobs," #45 - "My supervisor is committed to a workforce representative of all segments of society," and #66 - "How satisfied are you with the policies and practices of your senior leaders?"

Questions related to work/life programs also noted improvement, with 100% positive employee response to the following questions: #81 - "How satisfied are you with the agency's Health and Wellness Programs," and #82 - "How satisfied are you with the agency's Employee Assistance Program (EAP)?"

		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*1. I am given a real opportunity to improve my skills in my	N		17	13	1	3	0	34	NA
organization.	%	88.86	51.04	37.83	2.84	8.29	0.00	100,00	
O I have a such information to do my job well	N		16	14	2	2	0	34	NA
I have enough information to do my job well.	%	89.24	48.10	41.13	5.73	5.03	0.00	100,00	
3. I feel encouraged to come up with new and better ways of doing	N		18	8	5	3	0	34	NA
things.	%	77.23	53.06	24.17	14,85	7_92	0.00	100,00	
to the second se	N		20	11	3	0	0 -	34	NA
*4. My work gives me a feeling of personal accomplishment.	%	91 85	59.00	32.85	8.15	0.00	0.00	100_00	
	N		19	13	2	0	0	34	NA
*5. I like the kind of work I do.	%	94.74	55.91	38.83	5.26	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	N		14	18	2	0	0	34	NA
6. I know what is expected of me on the job.	%	94.43	42.07	52 36	5.57	0.00	0.00	100.00	Lection (III)
7. When needed I am willing to put in the extra effort to get a job	N		28	6	0	0	0	34	NA
done,	%	100.00	82.64	17.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	N		22	12	0	0	0	34	NA
8. I am constantly looking for ways to do my job better.	%	100,00	65.88	34.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
9. I have sufficient resources (for example, people, materials, budget) to	N		7	12	8	7	0	34	0
get my job done	%	56.35	21,98	34.37	23,30	20.35	0.00	100.00	
	N		9	11	3	9	2	34	0
*10. My workload is reasonable.	%	59.58	27.90	31.67	8.54	26.00	5.88	100.00	
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*11. My talents are used well in the workplace.	%	81.66	35.02	46.65	9.07	6.37	2.89	100.00	
*12. I know how my work relates to the agency's goals and	N		24	10	0	0	0	34	0
priorities.	%	100.00	69.26	30.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	

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tio The salate is a salate	N		18	14	2	0	0	34	0
*13. The work I do is important.	%	94.60	52.37	42.23	5.40	0.00	0.00	100.00	
*14. Physical conditions (for example, noise level, temperature, lighting,	N	3	18	14	1	1	0	34	0
cleanliness in the workplace) allow employees to perform their jobs well.	%	94.37	53.67	40.70	2.81	2.81	0.00	100,00	
*15. My performance appraisal is a fair reflection of my	N		20	13	0	1	0	34	0
performance.	%	97 25	59.93	37.33	0.00	2.75	0.00	100,00	
	N		16	15	2	0	0	33	0
16. I am held accountable for achieving results.	%	93 24	47.94	45.30	6.76	0.00	0.00	100.00	
17. I can disclose a suspected violation of any law, rule or regulation	N		19	12	1	0	0	32	2
without fear of reprisal.	%	96.32	58.71	37.61	3.68	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	N		13	11	5	3	2	34	0
*18. My training needs are assessed.	%	71.37	39.87	31.50	14.45	8.60	5.57	100.00	
*19. In my most recent performance appraisal, I understood what I had to	N		17	9	3	2	0	31	3
do to be rated at different performance levels (for example, Fully Successful, Outstanding).	%	83,90	56.29	27.61	10.04	6.06	0.00	100.00	
	N		20	12	1	1	0	34	NA
*20. The people I work with cooperate to get the job done.	%	93,77	59.73	34.04	3.48	2.75	0.00	100-00	
	N		15	13	3	2	0	33	1
*21. My work unit is able to recruit people with the right skills.	%	85.12	45.48	39.64	9.13	5.75	0.00	100.00	
	N		18	10	3	1	0	32	2
*22. Promotions in my work unit are based on merit.	%	87.37	57.05	30,32	9.54	3.09	0.00	100.00	
*23. In my work unit, steps are taken to deal with a poor performer who	N		10	9	6	0	0	25	9
cannot or will not improve.	%	76 11	39.64	36.47	23.89	0.00	0.00	100.00	
*24. In my work unit, differences in performance are recognized in a	N		9	11	5	2	1	28	6
meaningful way.	%	72.06	32.76	39.30	17.63	6.94	3.37	100.00	

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25. Awards in my work unit depend on how well employees perform their	N		10	11	4	0	1	26	8
jobs.	%	81 30	40.08	41.22	15.02	0.00	3.68	100.00	
26. Employees in my work unit share job knowledge with each	N		23	10	0	1	0	34	0
other.	%	97 01	68.34	28.67	0.00	2.99	0,00	100.00	
	N		14	12	4	1	0	31	3
27. The skill level in my work unit has improved in the past year.	%	84 24	45,02	39.21	12.66	3,10	0,00	100_00	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
. How would you rate the overall quality of work done by your work	N		30	4	0	0	0	34	NA
unit?	%	100.00	88.50	11.50	0,00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*29. The workforce has the job-relevant knowledge and skills necessary to	N		18	14	2	0	0	34	0
accomplish organizational goals.	%	93.63	53.59	40.03	6.37	0.00	0.00	100_00	
*30. Employees have a feeling of personal empowerment with respect to	N		17	8	4	4	1	34	0
work processes.	%	74.74	50.56	24.18	11,56	10.81	2.89	100.00	
31. Employees are recognized for providing high quality products and	N		16	13	4	0	1	34	0
 Employees are recognized for providing high quality products and services. 	%	86.07	48.06	38_01	11.04	0.00	2.89	100.00	
	N		17	9	5	1	0	32	2
*32. Creativity and innovation are rewarded.	%	81.32	54.15	27.17	15,60	3.08	0.00	100,00	
	N		8	10	3	1	0	22	12
*33. Pay raises depend on how well employees perform their jobs.	%	83,01	37.34	45.67	12.58	4.41	0.00	100.00	
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34.	Policies and programs promote diversity in the workplace (for	N		14	16	4	0	0	34	0
	example, recruiting minorities and women, training in awareness of diversity issues, mentoring).	%	88.73	41.29	47.44	11,27	0.00	0.00	100.00	
*35.	Employees are protected from health and safety hazards on the	N		16	16	1	0	0	33	1
	job.	%	97.25	49.58	47.67	2.75	0.00	0.00	100,00	
*36.	My organization has prepared employees for potential security	N		14	15	3	0	0	32	2
	threats.	%	90.94	44.85	46.09	9.06	0.00	0.00	100_00	
37.	Arbitrary action, personal favoritism and coercion for partisan political	N		16	9	2	3	0	30	2
	purposes are not tolerated.	%	84.69	54.69	30.00	6.20	9.11	0.00	100.00	
38,	Prohibited Personnel Practices (for example, illegally discriminating for or against any employee/applicant, obstructing a person's right to	N		22	9	0	0	0	31	3
	compete for employment, knowingly violating veterans' preference requirements) are not tolerated.	%	100.00	70.84	29.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
20	My agency is successful at accomplishing its mission.	N		24	8	1	0	0	33	0
39.	my agency is successful at accomplishing its mission.	%	97.42	73.75	23.67	2,58	0.00	0.00	100.00	
40	I recommend my organization as a good place to work.	N	Should be	19	12	2	1	0	34	NA
40.	Trecommend my organization as a good place to work.	%	91.85	56.23	35,62	5.64	2.51	0.00	100,00	
41.	I believe the results of this survey will be used to make my agency a	N		19	8	3	2	0	32	2
	better place to work.	%	84.46	58.19	26.27	9.44	6.10	0.00	100.00	
*42.	My supervisor supports my need to balance work and other life	N		17	10	4	2	0	33	0
	issues	%	82.77	52.20	30.58	11.38	5.85	0.00	100.00	
43.	. My supervisor provides me with opportunities to demonstrate my	N		16	13	3	2	0	34	0
	leadership skills.	%	84 96	46.39	38.57	9.04	6,00	0.00	100.00	
*44.	Discussions with my supervisor about my performance are	N		15	13	5	0	0	33	0
	worthwhile.	%	84 48	45.01	39.47	15.52	0.00	0,00	100,00	

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45. My supervisor is committed to a workforce representative of all	N		13	15	3	0	0	31	3
segments of society.	%	91.18	42.55	48.63	8.82	0.00	0.00	100.00	
46. My supervisor provides me with constructive suggestions to improve	N		16	13	4	1	0	34	0
my job performance.	%	85,56	47.36	38.20	11.55	2,89	0.00	100.00	
*47. O	N		17	12	2	2	0	33	1
*47. Supervisors in my work unit support employee development,	%	88 64	51.86	36.78	5.76	5.60	0.00	100,00	
	N		21	11	2	0	0	34	NA
My supervisor listens to what I have to say	%	93.77	61.50	32.27	6.23	0.00	0.00	100.00	
	N		20	10	3	0	0	33	NA
49. My supervisor treats me with respect.	%	91.02	60.44	30.57	8.98	0.00	0.00	100.00	
50. In the last six months, my supervisor has talked with me about my	N		17	16	1	0	0	34	NA
performance.	%	96.52	49.51	47.00	3.48	0.00	0.00	100-00	
Carlo 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	N		17	13	2	1	1	34	NA
*51. I have trust and confidence in my supervisor.	%	88.45	49.38	39.06	5.56	2.51	3.48	100,00	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*52. Overall, how good a job do you feel is being done by your immediate	N		17	14	2	1	0	34	NA
supervisor?	%	91.20	51.21	39.99	5.32	3.48	0.00	100.00	

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		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*53. In my organization, senior leaders generate high levels of motivation	N	12	15	12	4	3	0	34	0
and commitment in the workforce,	%	80.88	44.58	36.30	11.04	8.08	0.00	100.00	
54. My organization's senior leaders maintain high standards of honesty	N		19	10	3	1	0	33	1
and integrity.	%	88.67	58.51	30.17	8.75	2.58	0.00	100.00	
TET Company and well with any lower of different backgrounds	N		15	19	0	0	0	34	0
*55. Supervisors work well with employees of different backgrounds.	%	100.00	44.79	55.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,00	·
*FC All	N		17	16	1	0	0	34	0
*56. Managers communicate the goals and priorities of the organization.	%	97.11	49.08	48.03	2.89	0.00	0,00	100.00	
*57. Managers review and evaluate the organization's progress toward	N	5	18	14	1	0	0	33	1
meeting its goals and objectives.	%	97 01	54.56	42.45	2.99	0.00	0.00	100.00	
58. Managers promote communication among different work units (for	N		16	12	3	1	0	32	1
example, about projects, goals, needed resources).	%	88.14	50.52	37.62	8.78	3.09	0.00	100.00	
59. Managers support collaboration across work units to accomplish work	N		15	14	3	2	0	34	0
objectives.	%	85.10	44.62	40.48	9.12	5.78	0.00	100,00	
		Percent Positive	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
60. Overall, how good a job do you feel is being done by the manager	N		17	11	6	0	0	34	0
directly above your immediate supervisor?	%	82,96	50.88	32.08	17.04	0.00	0.00	100.00	
		Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*61. I have a high level of respect for my organization's senior	N		19	10	4	1	0	34	0
leaders.	%	86 07	56.41	29.66	11.04	2.89	0.00	100_00	
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62. Senior leaders demonstrate support for Work/Life	N		10	12	5	6	1	34	0
programs.	%	66.27	30.78	35.50	14.98	16.07	2.68	100.00	
		Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Item Response Total	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
*63. How satisfied are you with your involvement in	N		15	13	3	3	0	34	NA
decisions that affect your work?	%	82.70	43.36	39.34	8.41	8.89	0.00	100.00	
*64. How satisfied are you with the information you receive	N	PLANT.	16	15	1	2	0	34	NA
from management on what's going on in your organization?	%	91.75	47.88	43.87	2.84	5.40	0.00	100.00	
5. How satisfied are you with the recognition you receive for doing a good job?	N		16	12	4	1	1	34	NA
	%	82.82	47.39	35.43	11.77	2.51	2,89	100.00	
*66. How satisfied are you with the policies and practices of	N		15	13	3	3	0	34	NA
your senior leaders?	%	83,25	45.07	38.18	8.46	8.29	0.00	100.00	
*67. How satisfied are you with your opportunity to get a	N		11	7	8	5	3	34	NA
better job in your organization?	%	54.70	33.55	21.15	23.27	13,74	8.29	100.00	
*68. How satisfied are you with the training you receive for	N		16	7	6	5	0	34	NA
your present job?	%	70.10	48.10	21.99	16,42	13,49	0.00	100.00	
*69. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your	N	Milita	17	12	3	2	0	34	NA
job?	%	85 37	49.57	35.80	9.22	5.40	0.00	100.00	
*70. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your	N		11	13	7	3	0	34	NA
pay?	%	70 97	33.07	37.90	21.28	7.75	0,00	100.00	
71. Considering everything, how satisfied are you with your	N		16	13	3	2	0	34	NA
organization?	%	85.87	46_31	39.56	8.73	5.40	0.00	100.00	

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. Have you been notified whether or not you	u are elîgible to telework?	N	%
	Yes, I was notified that I was eligible to telework.	33	97.25
	Yes, I was notified that I was not eligible to telework.	0	0.00
	No, I was not notified of my telework eligibility.	1	2.75
	Not sure if I was notified of my telework eligibility.	0	0.00
	Total	34	100.00
. Please select the response below that BE	ST describes your current teleworking situation.	N	%
	I telework 3 or more days per week.	1	2,99
	I telework 1 or 2 days per week.	0	0.00
	I telework, but no more than 1 or 2 days per month.	5	14.10
	I telework very infrequently, on an unscheduled or short-term basis.	25	74.37
	I do not telework because I have to be physically present on the job (e.g., Law Enforcement Officers, Park Rangers, Security Personnel).	0	0.00
	I do not telework because I have technical issues (e.g., connectivity, inadequate equipment) that prevent me from teleworking.	0	0.00
	I do not telework because I did not receive approval to do so, even though I have the kind of job where I can telework.	1	2.75
	I do not telework because I choose not to telework.	2	5.79
	Total	34	100.0
Do you participate in the following Work/L	Life programs? Alternative Work Schedules (AWS)	N	%
	Yes	0	0.00
	No	6	18.61
	Not available to me	28	81.39
	Total	34	100.00

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smoking programs)	wing Work/Life programs? Health and Wellness Programs (for example, exercise, medical screening,	N	%
	Yes	5	15.95
	No	18	52.72
	Not available to me	11	31.32
	Total	. 34	100.0
6. Do you participate in the follo	Not available to me Total you participate in the following Work/Life programs? Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Yes No Not available to me Total you participate in the following Work/Life programs? Child Care Programs (for example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting support		
	Yes	4	12.11
	No	21	61.96
	Not available to me	9	25.92
. Do you participate in the follo groups)			%
	wing Work/Life programs? Child Care Programs (for example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting s	support N	% 0.00 46.88
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groups)	wing Work/Life programs? Child Care Programs (for example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting s Yes No Not available to me Total	N 0 16 18 34	% 0.00 46.8 53.1 100.0
groups)	wing Work/Life programs? Child Care Programs (for example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting s Yes No Not available to me Total wing Work/Life programs? Elder Care Programs (for example, support groups, speakers)	N 0 16 18 34 N	% 0.00 46.86 53.11 100.0
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		Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Item Response Total**	Do Not Know/ No Basis to Judge
79. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life	N		6	11	7	4	2	30	1
programs in your agency? Telework	%	57,92	21.09	36.83	22.92	13.30	5.86	100.00	
80. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life	N		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
programs in your agency? Alternative Work Schedules (AWS)	%								
81. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs in your agency? Health and Wellness	N		1	3	0	0	0	4	1
Programs (for example, exercise, medical screening, quit smoking programs)	%	100.00	22.63	77.37	0.00	0.00	0,00	100.00	
82. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life	N		2	0	0	0	0	2	2
programs in your agency? Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	%	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	
83. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life programs in your agency? Child Care Programs (for	N		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
example, daycare, parenting classes, parenting support groups)	%							aut 400 400	
84. How satisfied are you with the following Work/Life	N		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
programs in your agency? Elder Care Programs (for example, support groups, speakers)	%		-		-				

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The work/life satisfaction results only include employees who indicated that they participated in the program.

^{**} Unweighted count of responses excluding 'Do Not Know' and 'No Basis to Judge'